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Independence. Jays

▶ Toronto Blue Jays Travis Snider, front, Eric Thames, left, and Rajai Davis celebrate after Toronto beat the Red Sox 9-7 in Boston yesterday. Snider had three doubles and drove in a pair of runs in his first game since being recalled from Las Vegas.

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London calling tourists

3.2% industry growth over 2009

London: international tourist destination? Yes, according to a recent report and the general manager of Tourism London.

"A lot of people don't see tourism as an economic stimulator, but it really is," said John Winston. "If you took $500 million away from the city, you would see it. There would be a big decline in the standard of living."

According to a study by the Canadian Tourism Research Institute, tourism spending in the Forest City last year totalled $490.3 million — an increase of $15 million in just one year. Winston said these numbers are a clear indication of the value of tourism to the city.

The annual report is prepared using a model that calculates figures based on the number of overnight visitors to the city each year.

"People visit more frequently than we think," said Winston.

He added that the model used to prepare the report is a worldwide standard, but that many cities do not undertake the study, which makes it difficult to gauge how London is doing in comparison to other destinations.

The study also indicates that London may be becoming more popular internationally, with the number of visitors from the United States increasing by 1.7 per cent, and the number of international visitors jumping by 7.4 per cent.

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Travel tweets

London's tourism numbers are up. What's a good slogan to bring people in?

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Mayor to attend Pride parade

CONTRIBUTED

▶ Joe Fontana

Since its inception in 1995, no sitting London mayor has participated in the Pride parade.

But that will change this year.

Joe Fontana has confirmed his attendance for the parade on July 24.

"I won't speak to any other mayor or politician's decisions, but I will attend the parade later this month," he said.

This is also the first year that the London Police Service will be participating in the parade.

Fontana wouldn't comment on the attendance decisions of previous London mayors, but he said he wants to foster a more inclusive city, regardless of race, religion or sexual orientation.

Toronto Mayor Rob Ford skipped that city's Pride parade on Sunday in favour of a family weekend at the cottage.

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The Bard comes to campus

UWO English department presents shortened version of Shakespearean tragedy Antony and Cleopatra

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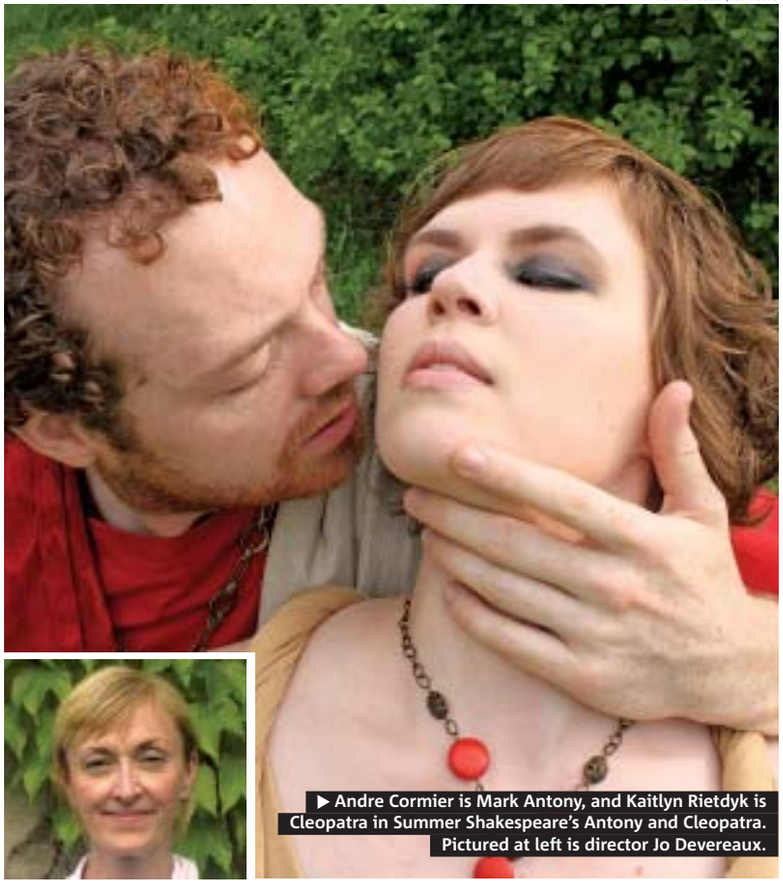

▶ Andre Cormier is Mark Antony, and Kaitlyn Rietdyk is Cleopatra in Summer Shakespeare's Antony and Cleopatra. Pictured at left is director Jo Devereaux.

In its 30th year, the UWO English department's theatre company is performing one of Shakespeare's works outdoors on campus: the story of Antony and Cleopatra.

"It's a long play. It can run up to three hours or more," said director Jo Devereux. "We had to work to reduce it down to two hours."

She said some scenes and even some characters had to be removed, and that the production will focus on the relationship between the two lead roles as the story unfolds in the west courtyard behind University College.

"The audience can expect to get the true emotion of the two characters," said Andre Cormier, who portrays Roman general Marc Antony.

Kaitlyn Rietdyk plays Egyptian queen Cleopatra, a role that requires a powerful performance, according to Devereux.

The play tells the tragic love story of the lead characters, set against a backdrop of political intrigue during the first century BC.

Devereux became involved with Summer Shakespeare as a producer of its first show, A Midsummer Night's Dream in 1981. Now a professor at the university, she rejoined the company four years ago.

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Details

- **What?** Shakespeare's Antony and Cleopatra performed by the UWO English department theatre company.
- **Where?** In the west courtyard behind University College. Held in Room 204 of University College if there is inclement weather.
- **When?** Nightly at 7:30 p.m., today until Saturday.
- **Tickets?** $15 general admission; $10 for students; group rates available. Call Mark Killeen for more information at 519-472-4972.

Grits sound education warning

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

▶ Education Minister Leona Dombrowsky

The provincial Liberals are warning that gains made in education under their rule could be lost if the Tories or New Democrats are elected this fall.

Education Minister Leona Dombrowsky says while the Progressive Conservatives have promised to keep full-day kindergarten, they haven't provided any details about their plan.

The Tories, she says, have dismissed the idea in the past as a "frill" and are only endorsing it now because they know it's the smart thing to do.

John Milloy, minister of training, colleges and universities, also pointed to cuts to student grants under Bob Rae's NDP government.

The progress report on education is one of several updates the Liberals are planning before the election campaign officially kicks off at the end of the summer. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

News in brief

Beware of Microsoft scam

CRIME. There's a new phone scam going around London.

It involves a person claiming to work for Microsoft telling users they have a virus. The caller then asks for remote access to your computer to repair it over the Internet. Once remote access is given, personal information is either stolen or the caller asks for payment.

The RCMP say if you get a suspicious call, you should note the phone number and contact the anti-fraud centre.

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Services centralized

ACCESS. The Developmental Services Ontario office in London is now the sole point of access for services for adults with developmental disabilities.

The office is at 171 Queens Ave., Ste. 750.

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Tour. This

▶ The First Hussars Museum is now open for tours led by PhD candidates Steph Potter, left, and Heather Stephenson. The museum, a historical cottage, is located at the Forks of the Thames at 1 Dundas St.

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Historical adventure at First Hussars Museum

Visitors are invited to the museum to discover the history behind London's oldest military regiment, which is responsible for the popular Holy Roller tank that sits in Victoria Park. The Sherman Tank saw battle during the Second World War and was dedicated to the First Hussars as a memorial in 1950.

New chapter starts at public library

- **Culture Days 2011 celebrates local arts and culture**
- **Allows anyone to showcase their creative ideas**

Got arts? Got culture? Why not apply to the London Public Library to be part of Culture Days 2011?

London Public Library is inviting artists to bring their creativity to its libraries during Culture Days 2011, a Canada-wide celebration of arts and culture in the fall.

For two hours on Oct. 1, London Public Library will offer free venues to artists, performers, writers and other creative folk.

Culture Days 2011

- Use online application form: londonpubliclibrary.ca.
- The deadline is July 30.
- You will be notified by Aug. 10.

But before you apply, make sure your idea is an interactive activity or demonstration and is free.

Some examples to get your creative ideas started: A craft demonstration such as pottery, weaving or painting; a tango lesson open to all; video filming and editing on your laptop; or chalk drawing on outdoor walkways.

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NORTHWESTERN ONTARIO

London man dies in crash

An early-morning motorcycle crash north of Kitchener has claimed the life of a 30-year-old London man.

The crash happened around 6 a.m. yesterday near Drayton, when a Honda motorcycle travelling on County Road 11 was struck by a Honda CRV driving on County Road 7. OPP say it appears the motorcycle failed to stop for a stop sign.

The victim has been identified as John Gordon Tennant. OPP say an investigation into the crash is underway but at this point it looks as though no charges will be laid.

The collision also injured the driver of the CRV, a 54-year-old woman from Guelph.

OPP Const. Keith Robb says the woman has been taken to hospital in London.

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WWE set for the JLC

WWE Raw world tour is coming to the John Labatt Centre on Saturday, Sept. 10. Showtime is 7:30 p.m.

Tickets ($70, $50, $40, $30, $20) go on sale Saturday at 10 a.m.

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William has a splash in Sea King helicopter

Duke of Cambridge lands machine on water In light rain, royals meet well-wishers in Prince Edward Island

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▶ Prince William reacts after winning a dragon boat race yesterday in Dalvay Lake, P.E.I.

Prince William swapped his crisp jacket and tie for a jumpsuit and helmet and the throb of a Sea King helicopter yesterday as he donned a flight suit and practised a quintessentially Canadian manoeuvre — landing on the water.

The Duke of Cambridge climbed into the co-pilot's seat of a grey Sikorsky CH-124, its lower half sealed up with yellow tape, and plopped down repeatedly on the surface of Dalvay Lake, near the Gulf of St. Lawrence on the edge of Prince Edward Island.

With William at the controls, the chopper spent nearly an hour on the "waterbirding" move — sometimes turning circles on the water like a giant mechanical duck, windshield wipers clearing the spray from the windscreen, or performing a touch-and-go exercise that at times pushed the water levels nearly to the windows.

Waterbirding is an exercise that was invented in Canada to ensure Canadian Coast Guard pilots are equipped to deal with emergencies when operating over water. And if the number of times they tried it was any indication, the duke was smitten with the technique.

Before taking off, the duke could be seen through the helicopter windows strapping in to the co-pilot's position as Kate — the Duchess of Cambridge — chatted and watched from a distance.

William is no stranger to the Sea King — as a flight lieutenant with the Royal Air Force, he's a fully qualified helicopter pilot who currently serves on board a British Sea King as a member of the British military's Search and Rescue Force.

"The Duke of Cambridge is, first and foremost, a search-and-rescue pilot, that's his job, and it's a job he's very proud to do," said press secretary Miguel Head.

While waterbirding isn't widely practised outside Canada, it's a manoeuvre that's known to search-and-rescue professionals and helicopter pilots around the world, he added.

"So when (William) took the decision to come to Canada, one of the things he actually asked to do was to do this, and it's a technique he'll be able to use in his job."

The demonstration took place at the Dalvay by-the-Sea resort, a frequent backdrop for the Anne of Green Gables movies — Kate is a big fan of the Lucy Maud Montgomery books — and CBC's Road to Avonlea TV series.

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Royals row

- Also yesterday, William and Kate donned life jackets before boarding separate vessels for a dragon boat race.
- William appeared to really get his back into it, paddling in perfect unison with his crew, while Kate — positioned at the back of her boat — had a harder time, enduring paddle spray in her face more than a few times.
- When they disembarked, however, Kate — wearing a black waterproof jacket — appeared no worse for wear, while William's blue shirt looked drenched.

Defiant Ratko Mladic tossed from tribunal

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▶ Relatives of a man killed during the 1992-95 Bosnian war put up photos yesterday on a memorial in Bosnia.

United Nations judges threw Ratko Mladic out of his own arraignment yesterday after the former Bosnian Serb military chief shouted at them, defied their orders and refused to enter any plea to 11 charges of masterminding the worst atrocities of the Bosnian war.

With Mladic's chair in the courtroom empty, presiding Judge Alphons Orie entered not-guilty pleas, in line with the war crimes tribunal's rules for suspects who refuse to plead.

Mladic's contemptuous display drew anger from survivors of the 1992-95 Bosnian war and raised the prospect of another turbulent UN court trial. In Srebrenica — the Bosnian town where Mladic is accused of commanding troops who in 1995 killed some 8,000 Muslim men and boys in Europe's worst massacre since the Second World War — survivor Fadila Efendic called Mladic's behaviour salt in her wounds.

"We are made to suffer, to mourn our children, we are forced to watch him make a circus in the court," she said.

If convicted, the 69-year-old, making his second public appearance since Serbia extradited him to The Hague in late May, could face a sentence of up to life in prison. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Remembrance

- Commemorations in Srebrenica marking the 16th anniversary of the massacre begin this week.

Falcon attacks woman and her dog

Provincial police say a woman and her small dog were attacked by a trained falcon just north of Peterborough, Ont. The 67-year-old woman shielded the dog, who was unharmed. The woman was treated for minor injuries in hospital. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Lucky orange lobster

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▶ The orange lobster, right.

A lobster that looks like he's fully cooked may get a reprieve as a supermarket in Trois-Rivieres, Que., is trying to find him a new home in an aquarium.

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Alleged kidnapper's testimony is fiction: Crown

Romeo Cromier, a New Brunswick man who has pleaded not guilty in the alleged abduction of a 55-year-old woman in Moncton in February 2010, has testified that the woman wanted to be with him and enlisted him in a plot to kill her husband.

The Crown dismissed his testimony as fiction in closing arguments yesterday.

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Otto von Habsburg dies at age 98

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▶ Archduke Otto von Habsburg

Otto von Habsburg saw the crumbling of the empire his family had ruled for centuries and emerged from its ashes as a champion of a united and democratic Europe.

The oldest son of Austria-Hungary's last emperor fought Nazism and Soviet communism during his long decades of exile from his homeland, and was lionized by leaders across the continent as "a great European."

Habsburg died yesterday at age 98 in his villa in Poecking in southern Germany, where he had lived since the 1950s, with his seven children nearby, his spokeswoman said.

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Officer's funeral to attract thousands

Hundreds of colleagues and members of the public lined up outside a funeral home yesterday to show their respects to an officer who died after being dragged and pinned under an overturned minivan he had stopped.

Some waited more than an hour to attend the visitation for York Regional Police Const. Garrett Styles, 32, a married father of two whose funeral today is expected to draw thousands.

Police have charged the alleged driver of the vehicle — a 15-year-old boy — with first-degree murder.

The seven-year officer, who would have turned 33 last weekend, leaves his wife Melissa and two children, two-year-old Meredith and nine-week-old Nolan.

Between 5,000 and 7,000 police officers from across North America are expected to attend a procession and memorial service today in Newmarket, Ont., where Styles was based. His wife is scheduled to give a eulogy at the ceremony.

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Greeks disable Canadian ship bound for Gaza Strip

Greek coast guard blasted water cannon at Tahrir as ship left port: Activist ◐ No one on board was believed to have been injured

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▶ French activists stand on the deck of their boat moored in Pireaus port, near Athens yesterday.

The Greek coast guard has damaged a Canadian ship bound for Gaza, forcing it back to shore after ramming it against a cement pier, activists said yesterday.

Activists at first believed the ship was sinking as a result of the hard landing. While it appeared the damaged ship would stay afloat, it remained confined to a Greek port late yesterday after an unsuccessful attempt to reach Gaza.

The Tahrir, bearing at least 30 Canadians, left a Greek port early yesterday evening local time and was boarded 15 minutes later by armed officers from the Greek coast guard.

Within an hour, the ship was back at another Greek port, where supporters of its mission were gathering.

"They arrived back to land into a location ... where the coast guard forced them to go to. Not the original dock," Ehab Lotayef, a Montreal-based spokesman for the ship, told The Canadian Press in a telephone interview.

"They slammed it into the concrete, into the pierside."

Lotayef said several dozen activist passengers remained late yesterday on board the ship, which was damaged and leaking diesel.

"This is a peaceful international mission to break Israel's illegal blockade of Gaza, which, it is now crystal clear, has been extended to the ports of Greece."

DYLAN PENNER, CANADIAN ACTIVIST

"We are holding the Greeks responsible for all that — totally unjustified action by the Greek government, arm-twisted by the Israelis," he said.

"It is a setback but it's not the end of the road. The efforts will continue worldwide until this blockade ends."

Two Canadian activists on board provided dramatic descriptions of the ship's boarding.

"We're slowly heading back. There's a new boat that's pulled up beside ... must be another coast guard vessel," Dylan Penner said in a mobile telephone interview from the Greek-occupied vessel.

Penner said eight to 10 armed coast guard officers boarded the ship and that soldiers were in command of its bridge. They were armed with handguns and assault rifles.

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Cause of B.C. woman's death to be released today

Medical officials were expected to know yesterday whether or not a black bear is responsible for the death of a Lillooet, B.C., woman whose remains were discovered on the weekend near her remote cabin.

Regional coroner Mark Coleman says a Kamloops, B.C., pathologist will conduct an autopsy on the deceased woman at Royal Inland Hospital.

He says medical officials will also use dental records to confirm the woman's identity.

Coleman says the coroners service was supposed to get the preliminary results yesterday and be able to publicly release a cause of death sometime today.

The human remains were found last Thursday, after the RCMP began searching for a missing woman.

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Gas prices drive spike in car sales

- Motorists spurn gas-guzzling trucks and SUVs for fuel-efficiency
- June sales soared for Top 3

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▶ Steve Swancott installs trim on a minivan at the Chrysler assembly plant in Windsor, Ont.

Canada's leading automakers are reporting a strong rebound in sales last month after a weak performance in May.

Ford, General Motors and Chrysler of Canada saw their sales improve dramatically on an annual basis.

Ford Canada once again claimed the top spot with June sales that rose six per cent to 33,450 from 31,707 from year-before levels. That was its best June since 1989.

May was the only month of the year the automaker, along with many others, reported a decline in sales, led by falling truck sales. That led observers to suggest that high gas prices are forcing drivers to rein in purchases. Automakers have been reporting a boost in car sales for most of this year due to soaring fuel costs.

In June, Ford car sales were up 32 per cent, driven by sales of its Focus, Fusion, Taurus and Mustang. Truck sales, however, fell nearly four per cent.

General Motors Canada, Canada's second-best-selling automaker last month, said sales grew 12 per cent from a year ago, led by its Chevrolet Cruze and other fuel-efficient cars and crossovers. The company reported total sales of 27,865 vehicles, compared to 24,897 a year before.

Meanwhile, Chrysler Canada reported the largest improvement from year-ago sales. The company said its sales soared 27 per cent to 23,576 vehicles from 18,502 a year ago. That was its best June since 2005.

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Fox hackers post 'Obama dead' hoax

Several false tweets about the assassination of U.S. President Barack Obama made for an embarrassing Fourth of July yesterday for Fox News.

"@BarackObama has just passed. The President is dead. A sad 4th of July, indeed. President Barack Obama is dead," read the first tweet posted by hackers who broke into a Fox News Twitter account early in the morning and said Obama had been shot and killed while campaigning in Iowa.

Subsequent tweets provided more fake details and said the president had been killed at "Ross's Restaurant in Iowa." The hackers signed off by wishing Vice-President Joe Biden good luck as America's new president.

The tweets remained visible on the account, with almost 35,000 followers, for more than six hours after the first one appeared, until a red-faced Fox News released a statement about the hoax.

A group calling itself Script Kiddies took responsibility.

Fox is frequently accused of inciting anti-Obama sentiment. Several commenters on its website expressed regret that the tweets were false.

"That's okay Fox, no 'distress' here. It would have been a positive relief if true," someone named AlCashier wrote.

"If only!!! My dreams dashed!!!" wrote another.

Stock exchanges across the United States were shuttered for the national holiday, so news of the "assassination" had no effect on the market.

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Bombardier coy about layoffs

Bombardier Transportation will unveil its plans today for Britain's lone railcar plant, but officials would not confirm that as many as 2,000 workers will lose their jobs at the factory in Derby.

The Berlin-based division of the transportation giant said it will first meet with union officials and then hold a news conference.

Four of five rail contracts at the plant will end by September and a consortium led by Bombardier recently lost a contract to supply 1,200 new Thameslink trains to rival Siemens.

The opposition Labour party has asked the coalition government to review naming the German rival as the preferred bidder. The government said it viewed the Siemens bid to be "the best value for money for taxpayers."

Bombardier spokesman Marc Laforge denied that today's company announcement is designed to put pressure on the government to award it the contract before the deal is finalized.

"We live with decisions and like anybody in that business, any competitors, we have to work accordingly with what we have in the backlog," he said in an interview.

The Thameslink contract was the second loss for the plant in more than two years.

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On the rails

- **Bombardier's Derby plant** produces subway cars for London's Underground system, trains for National Express East Anglia and turbostars for Chiltern and London Midland.
- **Analysts had expected the** latest contract loss would affect the Derby factory, which employs 3,000 workers. Several reports in Britain have said the company could lay off up to two-thirds of its Derby workforce.

Twitter alights at the White House

"That's okay Fox, no 'distress' here. It would have been a positive relief if true," someone named AlCashier wrote.

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Joe Biden, the U.S. vice-president, made his debut on Twitter yesterday with a Fourth of July tweet asking Americans to pause and think about U.S. troops and military families on Independence Day.

The famously verbose Biden might seem an unlikely candidate to say it in 140 characters or less. But like most politicians' tweets, Biden's will be staff-written.

It's part of a growing focus on social media by the White House, which has a Twitter account, as does President Barack Obama's re-election campaign. Tomorrow, the White House will hold a Twitter town hall. Americans can ask questions about the pace of the economic recovery, the jobless rate, the high price of oil and the national debt. Obama will take questions via Twitter, though he'll respond verbally. The official White House Twitter account, @whitehouse, has 2.25 million followers.

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Market moment

PRICES AS OF 5 P.M. YESTERDAY

TSX	Dollar
+ 85.62 (13,386.49)	+ 0.4¢ (104.08¢ US)

Oil	Natural gas 1,000 cu ft
U.S. markets closed	U.S. markets closed Gold contract U.S. markets closed

SEEMED LIKE A GOOD IDEA AT THE TIME

SHE SAYS ...

JESSICA NAPIER
METRO

We all make mistakes. The chances of making those mistakes increase exponentially when alcohol is involved. In fact, the decisions you make during a night out on the town are almost exclusively regrettable.

Here are just a few of the things that you would never, ever do in real life (read: sober) but that seem like a really good idea at 2 a.m.

• Ask the DJ to play an obnoxious pop track from the mid-2000s — think Gwen Stefani's Hollaback Girl — and scream "THIS IS MY JAM" at anyone within earshot.

• Wear sunglasses indoors. Convince yourself that sunglasses are a fun prop and that wearing them at night will make people think you are a hilariously zany individual. If Corey Hart can do it, so can you.

• Get into a heated discussion about religion/politics/anything of a sensitive nature. Assume you are correct no matter how outlandish your point is. There is no reasoning with someone under the influence of drunk logic.

"Walk home barefoot through the city streets. Hepatitis be damned; your feet really hurt from wearing cheap heels all night long and five kilometres isn't really that far of a walk anyway."

• Order a pitcher of beer … for yourself. When the server asks: "What type of beer?" Respond with: "Surprise me."

• Get all confessiony and tell your best friend about that time you hooked up with her ex-boyfriend/brother/dad.

• Purchase a large pulled pork poutine with extra gravy or some other calorie-laden late-night snack that you will inevitably spill all over yourself. Not that it matters. One of your friends accidently poured a double vodka cranberry down your back an hour ago.

• Send (what you think are) nonchalant text messages to that guy you went on a few dates with back in May. You didn't really like him and it didn't go anywhere, but for some reason you feel the need to see what he's up to right now.

• Walk home barefoot through the city streets. Hepatitis be damned; your feet really hurt from wearing cheap heels all night long and five kilometres isn't really that far of a walk anyway.

• Facebook creep your ex. Wind up in a shameful spiral of despair before falling asleep on your keyboard. Wake up at 5:30 a.m. to a photo album titled I Luv U Babe featuring him and his new girlfriend, who you suspect is at least five years younger than you.

• Decide that the remedy for nausea is not water but tequila.

So be sure to proceed with caution on your next night of summertime revelry. Engage in any one of these activities and you will guarantee yourself a miserable morning after.

Read more of Jessica Napier's columns at metronews.ca/shesays

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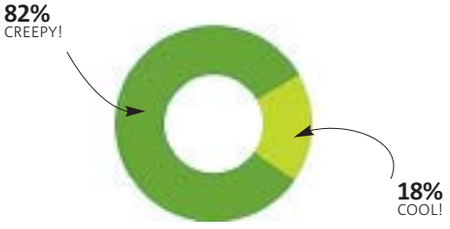
The Newsweek Princess Diana cover: Creepy or cool?



Local tweets

- **@rashaltawil:** Sunfest starts on Thursday at Victoria Park! My fave festival of the summer! www.sunfest.on.ca #ldnont
- **@kadiejeanward:** It's nice to be back in #ldnont all sun soaked and bug bitten after a weekend in the north!
- **@kriskursdad:** AM workout at Gold's Gym #ldnont. Gonna be fit but for now still #fatbastard
- **@ShaunaRae67:** Goodness me, the birds are celebrating something this morning! Either that or it's some sort of feathered orgy! #birdorgy #LdnOnt
- **@allyslattery:** Third western cheer practice done, now Florida for the week! #UWO #bestweekever
- **@CourtinCanada:** Dropped K off at Sports Western soccer camp this morning … I didn't realize how much of a hike that is from my office! Nice walk #uwo
- **@jenbeamish:** @DonnieWahlberg Let's do that again! What happens in #ldnont stays in LONDON — #londonafterparty! 08.07.2011 let's close this tour out rite!

Worth mentioning

TORONTO. It's part cathedral, part parking meter and part Cadillac. And it's the latest invention out of Great Britain.

It's called the AutoWed Wedding Machine — a kind of vending machine for wedding ceremonies.

It's the brainchild of Sam Lanyon, a 30-year-old electronics engineer.

It's a simple process: You put in $1 and the machine begins to play a wedding march. Then it asks you what kind of ceremony you want: Gay, straight, lesbian or best friend forever.

Once you have selected the type of wedding, AutoWed takes over. If you agree to marry, you press the No. 1 on a computer keyboard. If you don't agree, you press 2 for "escape." After you exchange vows, it dispenses two plastic rings. Once the rings have been exchanged, a voice congratulates you and instructs you to kiss.

With the ceremony over, the vending machine dispenses a receipt with your names on it and asks you to hold on to it. Lanyon admits the ceremony is not legally binding, but designed only as a novelty.

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Cartoon by Michael de Adder

WEIRD NEWS

Not the best idea to invite him to lunch

Joey Chestnut scarfed down 62 hotdogs to win his fifth consecutive Fourth of July hotdog-eating contest at Coney Island — the equivalent of about 20,000 calories in 10 minutes.

It wasn't a personal best for the 27-year-old nicknamed Jaws, but it was enough to out-eat second-place finisher Patrick Bertoletti by nine wieners. Chestnut of San Jose, Calif., won $10,000 and the coveted mustard-yellow belt.

"I feel great!" he said, sweat pouring down his face after the contest, adding he was going to drink a lot of water and avoid hotdogs for a few days.

This year, for the first time, the annual contest in front of Nathan's Famous fast food stand was broken into two divisions, one for men and one for women.

Sonya Thomas, known as the "Black Widow" of competitive eating, won with 40 downed dogs, earning her $10,000 and her own pink champion's belt.

Both Thomas and Chestnut broke world records in 2009; he with 68 and she with 41.

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▶ Charlie Day as Dale and Jennifer Aniston as Dr. Julia Harris star in the dark and wacky comedy, Horrible Bosses.

Horrible Bosses with a twist

Charlie Day plays a meek dental hygienist who doesn't want to be hit on by his boss, played by Jennifer Aniston Believable? You be the judge

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Charlie Day, best known for his illiterate, glue-sniffing character on FX's It's Always Sunny in Philadelphia, has been put in the unlikely position of explaining why being pursued for a sexual liaison by a character resembling Jennifer Aniston is an unpleasant prospect. It's not an easy job.

"Most men don't cheat on their wives. Not all, but close," he offers rather sheepishly. His character in the comedy Horrible Bosses is a dental hygienist for Aniston's man-eating dentist. Devoted to his fiancé, Day's character Dale is terrified by his boss' blackmailing seduction. As the logic of the film goes, he and his buddies, played by Jason Sudeikis and Jason Bateman, decide to kill Dale's boss. Dark as it may seem, Bosses isn't afraid to cover the controversial topics.

"I don't think anything is too taboo to make funny," says Day.

"Murder is a terrible thing. It ruins people's lives. But set against this backdrop, in this idiotic light with these guys that have no business trying to commit a murder go about it, then it becomes a comedy. The things aren't inherently funny themselves. It's how you tell the joke."

"I think they'd hit it off because I think they are very similar."
DAY IMAGINING A SCENARIO IN WHICH HIS CHARACTERS FROM HORRIBLE BOSSES AND IT'S ALWAYS SUNNY IN PHILADELPHIA HANG OUT

That's where the overlap lies between Horrible Bosses and It's Always Sunny in Philadelphia.

He's just wrapped production on the seventh season of the sitcom on which no topic — from abortion to crack smoking — is too crooked or bizarre. He is a writer and a producer on the show.

"Managing to fly under the radar enough so that we don't lose our street cred but be a big enough hit that we're actually a very successful show has been a really nice balance," says Day, who offers up some spoilers for this upcoming season, which premieres in September.

"One of my favourite episodes is sort of a 'Toddlers and Tiaras'-esque thing, a kiddie pageant episode, which is just ridiculous," Day says. "Frank has gotten involved in pageantry and he thinks its grown women he's getting involved with but it happens to be kids and he has to go through with it. It's another great season."

Bearded humour

Does having facial hair make you instantly funnier?

- "Having a beard just makes me look older," says Charlie Day. "Sometimes when I shave it off I feel like I still look like I'm 15."
- "Mac (on Sunny) kind of grows his beard a little bit longer this season. He's definitely funnier, but I've definitely seen some unfunny people with beards."
- "I don't know that it makes people unfunny. I just know that there are plenty of people who grow beards who still remain completely humourless."

2 scene

Party free

Harry Potter star Daniel Radcliffe says he has given up drinking alcohol after realizing he was partying too hard.
The 21-year-old actor says he began to drink too much while filming Harry Potter and the Half Blood Prince, the sixth movie in the Harry Potter series in 2009.
Radcliffe told GQ magazine he became "enamoured with the idea of living some sort of famous person's lifestyle that really isn't suited to me."
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Tracy Morgan has a way of riling folks with his comedy, but why should anyone care?

GETTY IMAGES

▶ Charlie Sheen

Sheen picks his intern

Canadian applicants lose out on chance to join Team Sheen

Actor Charlie Sheen has chosen his "tiger blood" intern and he's not a Canadian.

The fired Two and a Half Men star tweeted last week that Team Sheen welcomed Josh Burstein as its new social media intern. The Los Angeles resident, who works for the Israeli government's economic mission to the U.S., beat 82,000 applicants.

One of them was Sepy Bazzazi, 25, who works in social media for Earls Restaurants in Vancouver. He tweeted his congratulations to Burstein.

Phil Pallen of Belleville, Ont., who was one of the final 50 candidates, ditched his bid last month and accepted an offer to work for American Idol host Ryan Seacrest instead.

Burstein tweeted "Tiger blood, coarsening (sic) through my veins. Excited for the opportunity!"

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GETTY IMAGES

▶ Andrew Keegan

Taser story: Here's another case of where are they now

You don't know Andrew Keegan's name, but if you watched a lot of family-friendly TV in the 90s — including 7th Heaven (he played Wilson) or Party of Five (he was Reed) — you'd recognize his face.

Anyway, this weekend, he was tasered by cops, reports TMZ.

The site says he was playing music loudly in his car and got mad when the police approached.

We're guessing the line "Don't you know who I am?" drew blanks.

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Scott a headliner at Essence Music fest

GETTY IMAGES

▶ Jil Scott

Neo-soul artist Jill Scott brought a sassy new look, new music and a surprise performance with soul-singer Anthony Hamilton on the second day of the Essence Music Festival.

Scott performed some of her timeless hits Saturday evening such as Long Walk, and The Way and drew heavily on tunes from her new release, The Light of the Sun.

She delighted fans when Hamilton joined her on stage to perform their current hit, So In Love, which has helped push the new album to No. 1 — her first release to do so.

Scott was among the headliners for Saturday's festival, which also featured performances by El Debarge, Chaka Khan and the night's closer, rapper Kanye West.

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A career-first for Taylor Swift

Taylor Swift recently postponed a show for the first time in her career.

Swift had to postpone Saturday night's sold-out show at the Yum Center in Louisville under doctor's orders because of an illness.

She tweeted the bad news to fans: "This is my first time having to do this. I'm so, so sorry."

Within 20 minutes, hundreds of followers had responded with get-well wishes, which were already among the most popular international trends on Twitter for the day.

Swift postponed the show until Oct. 11. She's due for a short break before returning to the road in Charlotte, North Carolina, on Friday in support of her multi-platinum Speak Now album.

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Taylor Swift

Celebrity tweets

Just paid 40 cents to use the bathroom in Brugge. Based on my output, I gave an additional 40 on the way out. I support world commerce.

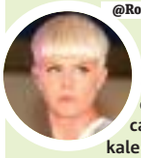
@EricStonestreet

Happy Independence America! In celebration, I'm in London. Don't worry I brought an ass-load of fireworks.

@JoelMcHale

we always come to each city bearing gifts. giving selflessly. When we r greeted with the same intentions that's when things become MAGICAL.

@JanelleMonae



My new rap group is called carrots and kale and the first single: vegan aint easy

@RobynKonichiwa

Talking points

A tongue tale in Paris for director

MAKEOUT SESSION. Caught making out by TMZ: Paris Hilton and The Hangover I and II director Todd Phillips.

After making two of the biggest comedy hits of all time, is this a step up? Or a step down? Lateral move?

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GETTY IMAGES

▶ Paris Hilton

Choice, not money, the key to happiness

New Zealand researchers find that self-expression and life options are more important than having money

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Money doesn't buy happiness. But what does? According to a large worldwide study, having choices in life and being able to express yourself are the most important ingredients in being happy.

Researchers in New Zealand collected data from all around the world on what factors contribute to well-being. Altogether, the studies included 420,599 people from 63 countries over several decades, so the science behind their results is very strong.

"The main finding is that money does not buy happiness and well-being," says Dr. Ronald Fischer, lead author, in an email to Metro.

"Choice and autonomy are more directly related to happiness than having lots of money. Autonomy provides you with the options to pursue meaning in your life, to find activities that stimulate and excite you and keep you active," explains Fischer, who is a senior lecturer in psychology and Fellow of the Centre for Applied Cross-Cultural Research at Victoria University of Wellington, New Zealand.

He and colleagues were surprised by the finding that choice and self-expression are more important than money, especially once you have your basic needs met.

"We did not predict we would find these clear patterns when we started and none of our friends or colleagues would have bet on this."

Job searchers take note.

"People may not need to go for the highest paying job, but rather focus on something that fulfills them personally and gives them greater happiness and satisfaction in their life," he says.

He warns that too much of anything is bad.

"Having too many choices or too much autonomy can lead to doubt about what to do, and regret that you aren't making the right choices."

The study was published by the American Psychological Association.

Happiness

A giant new study in New Zealand found the ingredients to happiness. Here are a few tips to finding that happiness

- **Establish a few close and meaningful relationships**
- **Step away from Facebook, Twitter and email and cultivate some deeper friendships**
- **Seek individualism, not just money**
- **Express yourself; be creative**
- **Seek freedom to pursue your interests**
- **Do things that excite you**

ISTOCK PHOTOS

▶ A life of choice is a life of happiness, a new study shows.

3 life

Fitness pick

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Adidas tennis bag by Stella McCartney
Tennis is the ultimate summer sport and regular court sessions will give you an enviably toned up pins.

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Seeds tainted by E. coli strain might still be out there, experts warn

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Canadian Bacon Bonanza

Combining bacon with caramel sundae syrup and maple ice cream results in a tantalizing Canadian dessert to serve at parties this summer.

Preparation:

1. In a small bowl, combine bacon and brown sugar, making sure that sugar evenly coats both sides of bacon.
2. Place on outdoor grill over medium heat and grill for 3 to 4 minutes per side or until crispy and golden brown. Let cool.
3. For one serving: In a small bowl, combine syrup, 1 strip of crumbled bacon and sea salt.
4. Meanwhile, place ice cream in a serving dish. Drizzle with caramel-bacon mixture. Garnish with additional bacon and caramel syrup, if needed.

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Ingredients:

- 6 strips uncooked bacon
- 50 ml (1/4 cup) brown sugar
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) caramel-flavoured sundae syrup, plus extra for serving
- Sea salt, to taste
- 1 large scoop (about 250 ml/1 cup) maple ice cream
- Additional candied bacon, for garnish (optional)

True Taco serves up real Mexican tastes

From tamales and tacos to empanadas and burritos, this eatery has it all

PAUL MIATCHELL

▶ Beef, rice and bean burrito ($8.95)

LUNCH RUSH

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When I think of great Mexican food, I imagine homemade cooking.

Generous meat, cheese and tortilla dishes slathered with spicy sauces that are filling and inexpensive. True Taco's genuine menu fulfills my need perfectly.

The quaint and festive restaurant is decorated with soccer jerseys and charming photos of Mexico. Its menu is designed so you can sample a number of individual items at a reasonable value.

We start with corn-husk-wrapped pork and cornmeal tamales ($3 each) which are soft, moist and flavourful. My companion orders a combo of two tacos and one empanada ($8.95). Her choice of chorizo and pastor — pork, onion, pineapple and cilantro — offers great variety.

I devour a crispy and tasty chicken empanada ($2.50 each) before diving into my ample beef, rice and bean burrito ($8.95). The genuine taste is amazing. Everything is housemade and to order, even the hot sauce.

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Celery root grabs spotlight

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▶ This recipe makes six servings.

For Clark Frasier, salads are a staple.

He and partner Mark Gaier run Arrows, an award-winning restaurant in Ogunquit, Maine, known for its extensive on-site gardens that produce the bulk of what appears on the menu.

The pair released a cookbook highlighting some of their favourite recipes, Maine Classics. Included in the book is this recipe for celery root salad with sour cream and herbs.

Preparation:

1. In non-reactive pot over high heat, bring about 2 l (8 cups) of water to boil. Set bowl of ice water next to the stove.
2. Add celery root and onion to boiling water and blanch for 1 minute. Use slotted spoon to transfer celery root and onion to ice water; let cool, then drain and pat dry with paper towels.
3. In bowl, toss celery root and onion with lemon juice, chives, tarragon, basil, sour cream, salt, pepper. Serve chilled.

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Ingredients:

- 1 kg (2 lb) celery root bulb, peeled and julienned
- 1 small Spanish onion, julienned (about 250 ml/1 cup)
- Juice of 1 lemon (about 30 ml/2 tbsp)
- 10 ml (2 tsp) chopped fresh chives
- 7 ml (1/2 tbsp) chopped fresh tarragon
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) chopped fresh basil
- 150 ml (2/3 cup) sour cream
- Kosher salt and ground black pepper, to taste

FORGET THE WEDDING; LOVE IS WHAT REALLY MATTERS

TWO SISTERS

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I'm in love with a great guy who happens to be divorced, and refuses to ever get married again. He says that asking a woman to live together is like asking her hand in marriage, and he's asked me to move in together. I've always assumed I'd get married and we both want to have a child together, but it's clear that if I choose this path, I'm choosing a common law relationship over my dream wedding and the traditions that go with it, and possibly upsetting my parents in the process.

No white for me?

Claire: Dear NWFM,

As Florence and the Machine says, "You've got the love," it's just not taking the form you expected it to.

He loves you enough to want a child with you and to share a home with you — to build a life together. He's offering you the relationship that comes after the wedding day — the quieter, more private form that love takes when the party is over, the gifts have been given and the wedding dress has been stored away. Legally, you'll still have similar rights to those couples who spend $20K on the their big day.

Your parents will be happy when you are happy, whether or not they disapprove in the beginning.

Your child simply needs to be well loved. The question is whether you can be at peace with this version of your life together. If so, throw yourselves a big fat housewarming party/commitment ceremony when you move in, and be grateful you don't have to deal with bridesmaid dresses and demanding in-laws.

Andrea: Dear uncommon-law,

Marriage is like haute couture: sometimes you pull the big bucks and your beloved item stands the test of time, and sometimes it's a cheaply made Taiwanese knock-off that falls apart before you can say "prenup." The point is: put in the effort, time, and tears and you'll get quality.

A piece of paper and an expensive party won't speak to a solid foundation. It's one day out of years, decades even. The first step to attaining that level of commitment is moving in together.

He obviously feels strongly for you if he's asked, so even if he doesn't adhere to your version of a perfect relationship, it's a really good sign.

I'd say he's doing you a favour by helping you found your own values over your parents, and potentially averting hefty divorce procedures.

TWO SISTERS, 20-SOMETHING ANDREA AND 30-SOMETHING CLAIRE, OFFER THEIR DIFFERING VIEWS ON YOUR RELATIONSHIP ISSUES.

THANK YOU NOTES ARE A MUST

CHARLES THE BUTLER

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I'm a second-time bride getting married the last week of July. I work full time, will be going on a two-week honeymoon and have two children from a previous marriage to take care of full time. Based on the fact that everyone knows how busy I am, are people honestly expecting me to send thank you notes for their presents?
Carole, Nova Scotia

Hello Carole:

Congratulations on your upcoming wedding! I know the answer to your question is one you don't want to hear, but it's yes, you do need to send everyone a thank you note and here's why:

1. People have gone to the trouble of spending time and money shopping for you — and they are just as busy as you!

2. It would be hurtful for guests who might think that your lack of communication means you don't care or value them or their gift.

That said, don't pressure yourself to write all of the notes at one time. Pace yourself. Send one or two per day, or 10 or so per weekend, and soon enough they will be done — I promise!

As my grandmother taught me, you will never be criticised for sending a thank you note, but you will always be criticised for not sending one!

NEWS CANADA

▶ It's safe to say these kids are enjoying the rain.

Five inspiring ideas for a rainy day

It's the middle of summer holidays, the kids are off from school and the rain starts to fall. Easily keep the "I'm bored" complaints to a minimum with some of these rainy day activities.

Put on a show
Get a group of kids together to stage a play or talent show. Try providing a theme and access to scraps from the attic. That'll be enough to spike creativity and get the show started.

Enjoy the rain
Try a different approach when it's raining cats and dogs ... head outside. Break out the boots, raincoats, layer on the socks, and step outside for some fun in the rain! Splash in the puddles, twirl the umbrella and stretch the vocal chords with Singin' in the Rain. Enjoy some soup or a nice cup of hot chocolate afterwards.

Teach your dog new tricks
Who says you can't teach your dog new tricks? Keep your pet and child busy by introducing new tricks to the family pooch. Reward the pet and children with treats.

Bring outdoor games in
Bring your favourite outside games inside by blowing up some balloons and play keep-away or volleyball.

Also try using paper fans to play table tennis. Simply use the fan to blow the balloon across the table past an opponent to score a point.

Get your game on
Don't forget to stock the toy shelf with indoor games and toys that will keep kids entertained on their own.

Try introducing a handheld gaming unit like the PlayStation Portable. With games like LittleBigPlanet, Toy Story 3 and MLB 11: The Show, this product is guaranteed to satisfy every age and interest.

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GOOD DEALS CAN BE BAD FOR YOU

FUN AND FRUGAL

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What's the "big deal" today? Check your email, Facebook or Twitter and within seconds you'll know it's 50 per cent off rims for your ride or a two-for-one pass to Ashton Kutcher's new flick.

Sites like Groupon get frugal types like me all revved up. They negotiate huge discounts with popular local businesses and pass along savings of 50 to 90 per cent to subscribers.

If you're in the market for a particular product and its price gets slashed, online coupons can save you hundreds of dollars.

Saving money is en vogue and often the topic of water cooler conversation.

But, if you're leading your offices' popularity contest for nabbing the best daily online deal, watch out!

You'll quickly fall from financial grace once your credit card is maxed and you've got nothing more to share with your colleagues.

It's important to ensure you're not spending money unnecessarily simply for the sake of a "sweet deal."

If a fancy trip out to the Fairmont Banff Springs Hotel wasn't part of your travel plans this month, don't buy one.

Sure, it's important to include fun and entertainment in your budget, but not at the expense of building your financial security.

A great deal you can't afford is never a good deal.

More pitfalls of working at home

ON MONEY

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Liberating though it can be, working at home isn't all hanging out in sweats and catching up on daytime TV. Last week I presented seven drawbacks of the home-based job and you readers reminded me of five more.

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▶ Alison's money rule: Working at home is a dream for many. Just be aware of the disadvantages before you try it.

1. Lack of spousal support

A spouse who doesn't respect and support what you're doing can turn working at home into a nightmare. In a previous incarnation I had one of those. For instance, reading the papers and magazines, and now browsing the Internet is a big part of my job. But he refused to see it that way, always characterizing it as slacking around. Never mind that he was unemployed!

2. Household chores

Because you work the expectation is you can do household chores, drive kids and aging parents to appointments during your down time. The reality is that down time is limited because you are on your own with no colleagues or assistants to take up the slack. Set boundaries, although it can be tough when family is involved.

3. Kids home sick!

You're home so you can just keep an eye on those sneezing, coughing, feverish kids. Then there are school holidays and snow days, which fall in the lap of the work-at-home parent.

4. Non-custodial drop off

I've never personally experienced this but several readers complained that their ex just drops the kids and says, "You're at home anyway and I've got this big business trip so I thought you could help me out with the kids this month."

It's a tricky situation to deal with in the absence of goodwill and strong communication.

5. Credit scarcity

Banks still look askance at the self-employed. I believe they have a secret, negative category for us.

Assets, sparkling credit score and low debt to income ratio be damned, the work-at-home crowd have a tough time getting things like a business related line of credit without pledging their first born.

I've outlined 12 pitfalls of working at home this week and last. Even so, I wouldn't have it any other way.

On the job

Fifty-four per cent of those who work at home have a university degree.

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Jays top Sox

Boston's Fourth of July rained on by Snider and Hill

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BLUE JAYS	RED SOX

Travis Snider had three doubles and drove in a pair of runs and Aaron Hill homered as the Toronto Blue Jays became the latest team to rough up John Lackey, beating the Boston Red Sox 9-7 yesterday.

Hill also had an RBI single and Rajai Davis added two doubles for the Blue Jays, who had lost nine of 14.

The Blue Jays scored a run in the first, two in the second and chased Lackey (5-8) with four in the third.

Lackey was coming off his second-best start of the season when he allowed two runs in 7 ⅔ innings in a loss at Philadelphia on Wednesday.

Yesterday he gave up seven runs on nine hits in 2 ⅓ innings, raising his earned-run average to 7.47. In seven Fenway starts, he's 3-4 with a 9.17 ERA.

Toronto starter Brandon Morrow (5-4) allowed four runs on five hits, walking three and striking out five over five-plus innings. It was his third victory in four starts.

Snider, recalled from triple-A Las Vegas on Sunday, doubled in his first three at-bats. He was sent down on April 29 after hitting just .184 in 25 games.

Boston rallied late, cutting it to 9-7 with three runs in the eighth, but Frank Francisco got the final three outs for his 10th save. He struck out Dustin Pedroia, Adrian Gonzalez and Yamaico Navarro with a runner on second.

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▶ Blue Jay Aaron Hill slides safely into home plate ahead of Red Sox catcher Jarrod Saltalamacchia.

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WOMEN'S WORLD CUP

Canadians playing for pride in finale

The Canadian women's soccer team is hoping to salvage something from a World Cup campaign gone horribly wrong.

The sixth-ranked Canadians face No. 27 Nigeria today in the final game of this tournament for both winless teams, and all they can really do now is show fans — and themselves — what might have been.

"This last game will be all about character and pride, so we'd better show up," said Canadian goalkeeper Erin McLeod.

Canada arrived in Germany riding a high with its best-ever world ranking, a CONCACAF title and near-perfect record this year. The tournament got off to a reasonably strong start in Berlin when captain Christine Sinclair scored in a 2-1 loss to two-time defending champion Germany.

But the tournament took a horrible turn in Bochum, where France steamrolled over the Canadians in a 4-0 rout to effectively end their World Cup campaign.

"Very disappointed," said coach Carolina Morace. "It's like you work hard for two years and something happened and you can't do anything. I can't say that (the players) don't sacrifice, or the staff doesn't sacrifice. Of course we as a staff, we immediately had a meeting, and said, 'OK, what can we do to do something more? The reaction is to do better, to do more. What do we have to add to help them to do more?'"

The Italian coach and her staff will try to figure that out following today's game. For now, the Canadians face a Nigerian team that has allowed just two goals in losses to Germany and France.

"It's awful to regret something and I feel we did not show ourselves, our country, our fans, how we can play, and that's what I want to do. I want to play Nigeria and leave it all on the field," said veteran defender Rhian Wilkinson.

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Heatley vows return to form in Minnesota

The Minnesota Wild have been searching for the kind of dynamic goal-scorer who can put the puck in the net in the blink of an eye, a player who won't hesitate to let a shot rip from anywhere in the opposing goaltender's zip code, ever since Marian Gaborik left in 2009.

Here comes Dany Heatley, who never met a shot on goal he didn't like, determined to show the rest of the league he can still light the lamp with the best of them.

The Wild landed Heatley from San Jose on Sunday night, sending forward Martin Havlat to the Sharks in a straight-up swap. Heatley said yesterday he was excited to prove that last year's sub-par season was a fluke.

"As a goal-scorer and a player, you want to be that guy," Heatley said.

Heatley had back-to-back 50-goal seasons in 2005-06 and 2006-07 for the Ottawa Senators, but finished with only 26 goals last season for the Sharks. Heatley played a month and a half with a broken hand and said he had several other nagging injuries that held him back.

"Last year wasn't the greatest year for me personally, but I'm looking forward to getting back there," Heatley said.

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"I can't wait to get back on the field. Hopefully, it can be (tonight). If it's not, whenever the time comes will be the right time to play."

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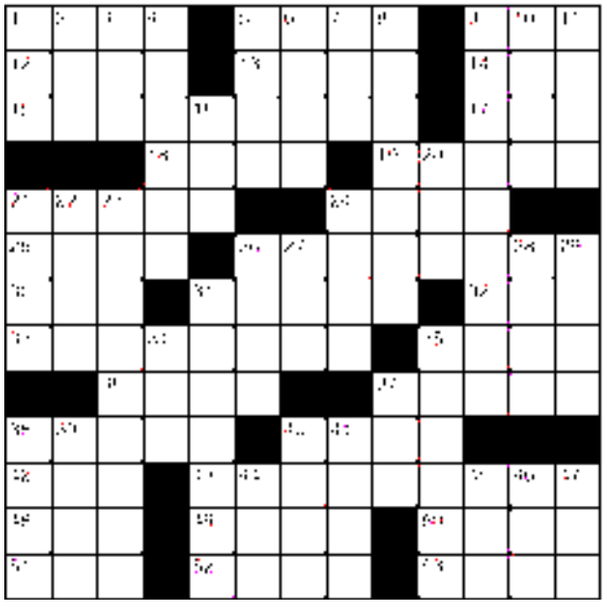

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1 — Romeo
5 Mr. Disney
9 Bribe
12 Indonesian island
13 Screenwriter James
14 Dusk-dawn link
15 Venue for Matlock
17 Carte lead-in
18 Building extension
19 Singer Cline
21 "King Lear" daughter
24 DNA bit
25 Wrong
26 Troubadour
30 Witness
31 "Goodbye, Mr. Chips" star Robert
32 Raw rock
33 Cops' district
35 Venetian magistrate
36 Ship of 1492
37 Knight's apparel
38 Really thin person
40 "My Fair —"
42 Cattle call
43 Business meeting site
48 Yoko of music
49 Touch
50 Eye layer
51 Workout place
52 Neat
53 — a soul (nobody)

Down

1 "Wipeout" network
2 "7 Faces of Dr. —"
3 Winter ailment
4 Plane's route
5 Caution
6 Enthusiastic
7 Zodiac sign
8 Storm
9 Cruise ship accommodation
10 Rembrandt's supply
11 Theatrical presentation
16 Stannum
20 Pismire
21 Grate
22 Basin accessory
23 Where performers wait to go on
24 Summertime pest
26 "— Lisa"
27 Biz letterhead abbr.
28 Therefore
29 Lecherous look
31 Nitwit
34 U.S. spy org.
35 Rehearsal
37 Toss in
38 Air pollutant
39 Rabbit
40 Praise to the skies
41 Bohemian
44 Sapporo sash
45 Eggs
46 "— the ramparts ..."
47 Has permission

▶ Yesterday's answer

Sudoku

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♉ Taurus April 21-May 21 You need to be a bit more open with partners and loved ones today.

♊ Gemini May 22-June 21 If you have been holding back from saying something because you did not want to hurt someone's feelings you will realize that your efforts have been counter productive.

♋ Cancer June 22-July 22 You will receive good news concerning your cash flow situation today.

♌ Leo July 23-Aug.23 Your message is important — make sure it gets through.

♍ Virgo Aug. 24- Sept. 22 You may not much like what you are expected to do today but you are advised to do it anyway.

♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23 Your confidence will get a boost today.

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22 You are full of ideas for the future.

♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21 You will experience a surge of energy over the next 24 hours that makes all things possible.

♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20 A partnership that is based purely on convenience is unlikely to survive the stresses and strains of the next few days.

♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18 You must ask friends for their permission before you do anything that could affect them.

♓ Pisces Feb. 19-March 20. By all means make changes but don't expect everyone to be happy with them.

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